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OF THE RESPIRATORY TRACT IN HUMANS USING HEAT-KILLED
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

The following Amendments and Remarks are offered in response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2002. Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in light of these Amendments and Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 1, 8, 9, 21, 24, and 25 to read as shown below. A marked-up version of the amended claims is enclosed herewith.

1. (amended) A method of inducing the regression of dermal tumors in humans which comprises the step of administering a bacterial product comprising heat-killed, terminally sterilized bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Propionibacterium acnes*, *Propionibacterium avidum*, *Propionibacterium lymphophilum*, *Propionibacterium granulosum*, *Corynebacterium parvum*, and *Arachnia propionica*.

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